

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the above amendment before considering this Rule 1.53(b) divisional patent application. The present divisional application is directed towards the previously unelected Group II, Claims 15-21, drawn to a method of coupling a photonic component with a waveguide wherein aligning the photonic component with markings that have been lithographically-placed on a surface of the waveguide, classified in class 385, subclass 52, per the June 4, 2003 Restriction Requirement of Application No. 09/741,642.

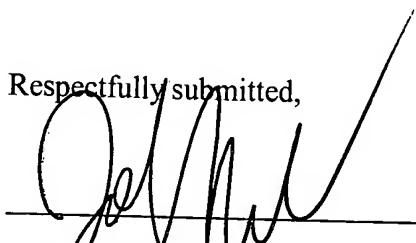
Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice.

The specification has been amended on page 1 to include information of the related parent application.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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